

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) An installation device for plumbing elements,
comprising: having
a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge and [—] side walls,
~~and, if desired, a base,~~ the mounting box having means for installing plumbing elements
within the flush-mounting box,
a flange on an the outside of the box, and
plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box at a selectively ~~a~~
~~certain variable~~ distance back from ~~the~~ its front edge.
2. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1, wherein
the flange comprises ~~is~~ a solid ring.
3. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~
~~the flange may be fastened to the~~ comprising a plurality of structures spaced back
from edge at the open front and on outer surfaces of ~~its~~ the side walls, wherein the
flange is set to said distance by fastening to a selected one of the structures.
4. (Original) An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the flange is
fastened directly to the flush-mounting box.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 3 ~~—~~ 4,
wherein the outer surfaces of the ~~its~~ side walls and an ~~the~~ inner surface of the flange
engage at one of plural ~~have rows of~~ ribs spaced back from the edge and having 0°
pitch angles ~~that resemble threads~~.

8. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 7-~~6~~, wherein the ribs ~~threads~~ are interrupted at at least one location on their circumference down to at least a ~~the~~ root of the ribs ~~threads~~.

9. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1-~~6~~, wherein the means on the box comprise ribs that are interrupted at at least one location on their circumference down to at least the root of the ribs.

10. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1, wherein a ~~the~~ joint between the flush-mounting box and the flange comprises ~~involves~~ at least one bayonet joint.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the flange is fastenable ~~may be fastened~~ to the flush-mounting box from the open front of the flush-mounting box.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the flange is latchable ~~may be latched~~ into position on the flush-mounting box.

16. (New). An installation device for plumbing elements, comprising:
a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge and side walls, the mounting box being configured to receive plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,

a plurality of grooves on an outside of the side walls box spaced back at different distances from the edge of the open front of the box;

a flange fastenable on an outside of the box, the flange having inward protrusions that engage with a selected one of the grooves for selectively setting a distance of the flange back from the edge.

17. (New). The installation box of claim 16, wherein the grooves are located at tangential surfaces protruding radially on the outside of the box, between which surfaces are gaps along which the inward protrusions of the flange are movable back from the edge, wherein the inward protrusions of the flange are engaged in a selected one of the grooves by rotation of the flange relative to the box.

18. (New). The installation box of claim 17, wherein the grooves end in broadened sections that receive the protrusions of the flanges.

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